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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Palau

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Palau, for the period 1997 to 2001. A one-year extension will enable the formulation of the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the synchronization of the period of the second CCF with the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF are governance, job creation, and sustainable livelihoods. These areas of concentration will be further supplemented by additional resources from subregional programme activities and anticipated non-core resources through the continued efforts of UNDP to target other resources towards assisting Palau in preserving and protecting its natural resources, given its fragile ecosystems.

II. Objectives

3. Within the framework of the CCF, UNDP will continue to support: (a) the promotion of good governance through the expansion of reform programmes that have been instituted in the Ministry of Administration to other ministries and departments: (b) capacity-building, in partnership with the New Zealand Overseas Development Agency and the Government of Palau, in the areas of planning, financial and economic management in the public sector, personnel management, and the collection, analysis and publishing of government statistics: (c) continued assistance in revitalizing the rural semi-subsistence sector within the context of the national Informal Employment and Sustainable Livelihood initiative. There is greater scope and demand to further strengthen support in these areas on the basis of partnerships with the Government of Palau. In addition, UNDP will continue to assist the Government to meet its obligations as a signatory to a number of international instruments on the environment. It is anticipated that this area of support will also extend to

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the period of the second CCF and be expanded to include a biodiversity strategy action plan and national strategy on climate change.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Palau for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Palau (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	1 066	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	70	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	90	
Subtotal	**1 226** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	194	
Third party cost-sharing	60	NZODA
Funds, trust funds and other	309	
of which:		
GEF	309	
Subtotal	**563**	
Grand total	**1 789** [a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; NZODA = New Zealand Overseas Development Agency; SPPD = Support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.